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Meet the GOWRS Partners



Aiuká

Founded in Brazil in 2010, Aiuká has national and international experience in managing and rehabilitating oiled wildlife. Aiuká has two facilities fully adapted and licensed to care for wildlife affected by oil spills and other of environmental emergencies.

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Focus Wildlife

Focus Wildlife is an international emergency response contractor providing leading-edge oiled wildlife response and preparedness services to government, industry and NGOs.

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International Bird Rescue Official

Since 1971, International Bird Rescue has been at the forefront of wildlife preparedness, response, rehabilitation, and release management and maintains wildlife care centres in Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area, as well as a spill response centre in Alaska.

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PRO Bird

PRO Bird is a coalition of German animal and environmental protection organizations, offering professional rehabilitation of oiled birds at home and abroad.

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Oiled Wildlife Care Network

The OWCN is a Network of trained wildlife care providers, academic and scientific institutions, and regulatory agencies managed by UC Davis' School of Veterinary Medicine to provide comprehensive oiled wildlife preparedness and response services for California, as well as nationally and globally.

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RSPCA

The world's oldest and largest animal welfare charity, with the primary focus of rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming or releasing animals across England and Wales.

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SANCCOB

SANCCOB rescues, rehabilitates and releases oiled, injured and abandoned seabirds in southern Africa; the NGO contributes to research that benefits seabirds, educates the public and promotes best practice to industry and other stakeholders.

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Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research

Tri-State rehabilitates injured and orphaned wild birds and contaminated wildlife on the East Coast of North America and promotes their stewardship through education and research.

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Wildbase, Massey University

Attached to Massey University, Wildbase Hospital is New Zealand's only dedicated wildlife hospital. At the forefront of veterinary care of New Zealand's native birds.

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Wildlife Rescue Centre Ostend

The Wildlife Rescue Centre, Ostend, cares for and rehabilitates wild animals and engages in informing and raising awareness about nature and the environment.

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With a well-established history of supporting wildlife emergency preparedness and response through more than 15 years of formal collaboration with the Sea Alarm Foundation, our position in industry has allowed us to catalyse wildlife emergency preparedness and response as an integral component of oil spill preparedness and response good practice.

To advance and support this integral component, a group of leading wildlife response organisations has been working to develop a framework for international wildlife response that can meet the needs of the wildlife response community, the oil industry and other stakeholders through the Global Oiled Wildlife Response Service (GOWRS) Project.

Sea Alarm's Technical Advisory Service, along with wildlife equipment packages and the newly formed GOWRS Assessment Team, make up an enhanced offering of Wildlife Response Services available to our Members as part of the Service Level Agreement (SLA).

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Sea Alarm Technical Advice

Technical advice from Sea Alarm gives you access to two Technical Advisers; one that can be mobilised on-site and one via remote support.

GOWRS Assessment Team

A four-person Assessment Team including specialists in Operations/Planning, Field & Capture, Rehab & Facilities, Vet/Incident-specifics.

Wildlife Response Equipment

Critical response equipment for search & rescue, medical and cleaning & rehab.

The service in detail

Technical Advice from Sea Alarm



Two experts are available from Sea Alarm 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to assist with, remote advice and monitoring, analysing any unfolding scenarios that may lead to significant wildlife impacts.

One expert is ready to be deployed onsite to assist the Incident Management System (IMS), connecting with relevant in-country authorities, stakeholders and responders. The second expert can provide online support, applying Sea Alarm Foundation's international connectivity.

[Find Out More About Sea Alarm](#)

Oiled Wildlife Assessment Service from GOWRS

A ready-to-deploy Assessment Team of 4 experts available to evaluate and provide on-the-ground recommendations to Members on the need for, feasibility of, and necessary elements in, a full-scale wildlife response when Tier 1 and 2 capabilities have been exceeded.

Recommendations will inform Members on the need, capability, and potential providers of full-scale wildlife operations services available through individual service providers.

[Learn More About The GOWRS Partners](#)



Wildlife Response Equipment

Recently updated wildlife response equipment packages with a focus on birds and standardised across our operational bases, to support the first 48 hours of a response.

This critical equipment is aimed to support search & rescue, medical, cleaning & rehabilitation with 50% of the stockpile available to Members. While not exhaustive, the equipment will support initial wildlife response operations in situations where local supply chain logistics are not yet fully functional.

Wildlife Services Explained

Discover the three aspects of the Wildlife Response Service available to OSRL Members.



To download a PDF of this presentation, [click here](#).

Ensure you're ready to respond

According to the IPIECA Good Practice Guide on Wildlife Response Preparedness:

Oiled wildlife response is the combination of activities that aim to minimise the impacts of an oil spill on wildlife (such as birds, mammals and reptiles). Minimising the impacts is achieved by preventing oiling where possible and mitigating the effects of oiling. Response activities can include:

- the assessment of wildlife risks in time and space
- real-time monitoring of the whereabouts of wildlife compared to the oil
- protection of nesting/haul-out sites
- hazing and deterrence (scaring animals away from oil)
- pre-emptive capture and collection of oil-unleaked animals and their offspring/eggs
- collection and analysis of corpses
- euthanasia
- rehabilitation of live oiled animals to release to the wild
- monitoring of post-release survival.



A response without a pre-spill agreed wildlife plan in place will have an enormous potential for delays and inefficiency. Therefore, a pre-spill developed wildlife response plan is the best guarantee for a fast and effective wildlife response mobilisation, implemented through training and exercises. Such a plan is best integrated with the overall oil spill response plan that a Member has in place for its oil exploration, production or transportation activities in a country or area.

IPIECA Good Practice Guide: Wildlife Response Preparedness

[READ THE GUIDE](#)

IPIECA Good Practice Guide: Key Principles for the Protection, Care and Rehabilitation of Oiled Wildlife

[READ THE GUIDE](#)

Ready Check Tool

This tool will help you assess your level of preparedness to respond to an oil spill incident.

[CHECK MY PREPAREDNESS](#)

Wildlife Preparedness & Response Community of Practice

As wildlife response became increasingly recognised at an international level, key industry, governmental and non-governmental stakeholders came together at a meeting at Interspill 2012 in London, hosted by OSRL and Sea Alarm, to discuss the "Future of Global Oiled Wildlife Response and Preparedness." This meeting served as a catalyst for the multi-year Global Oiled Wildlife Response System (GOWRS) Project that ran between 2015-2021. An Industry Advisory Group (IAG) was also formed to support the project and provide an interface with oil industry funders and end-users.

Collaboration between industry stakeholders has continued to evolve since then, also encouraged by the fact that "wildlife" was recognised as one of the 15 priority targets for strengthening tiered response preparedness. In 2019, industry delegates participated in an IPIECA-funded workshop facilitated by Sea Alarm and some of the GOWRS Project Partners to map the journey of implementing that target. To carry forward the recommendations from this workshop the Wildlife Preparedness and Response 'Community of Practice' was formed out of the IAG and has been meeting quarterly since early 2021. The group aims to share experiences and lessons learned, support and drive implementation and continue nurturing strong collaboration across the industry and beyond.

Interested to join the Community of Practice? [Click here](#)

Accessing the Wildlife Response Services

Accessing any aspect of the Wildlife Response Service during a response couldn't be simpler, just call our Duty Managers on the usual numbers or to discuss any aspect of the service, get in contact.

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Recorded Seminars

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- [Preparing for Wildlife Emergencies](#)
- [Wildlife Response in IMS](#)
- [GOWRS Assessment Team: The Future](#)
- [OSRL's Wildlife Services Explained](#)
- [What is Wildlife Emergency Response](#)

Insights and more

- [Energy Transition & Oiled Wildlife](#)
- [Penguin Quarantine Comes to a Close](#)
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- [OSRL Attend the Wildlife Conference](#)
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- [15 Years of OSRL & Sea Alarm](#)